



DENNIS  
THE  
MENACE  
•  
FUN  
FEST  
No. 157

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1978

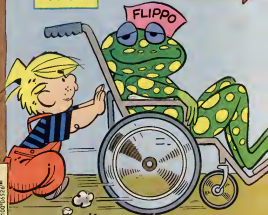
# Dennis the Menace

by HANK KETCHAM

QUIET  
IN  
HOSPITAL

X-RAY

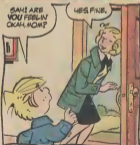
FLIPPO



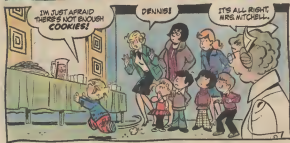


# DENNIS *and the* HOPSPITAL

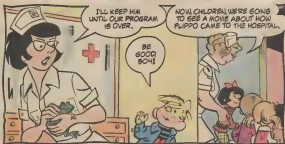
PUT YOUR THINGS AWAY, DENNIS—I'M TAKING YOU TO THE HOSPITAL.



"DENNIS THE MENACE", CREATED BY HANK KETCHAM, APPEARS IN OVER 700 NEWSPAPERS... IN 43 COUNTRIES... IN 14 LANGUAGES!







FLIPPO TOLD THE LADY AT THE ADMISSIONS COUNTER HIS NAME AND ALL ABOUT HIMSELF.



THEN FLIPPO PUT ON A HOSPITAL GOWN AND WAS WEIGHED.



HE HAD HIS BLOOD PRESSURE TAKEN—OF COURSE THAT DIDN'T HURT...



...AND HIS TEMPERATURE WAS JUST RIGHT.



FLIPPO HAD AN IDEA. THE DOCTORS HAD A SMILE UNDER THOSE MASKS.



NEXT THING HE KNEW—HE WAS VERY SLEEPY.



AND WHEN HE WOKES UP HE WAS ALL BETTER!

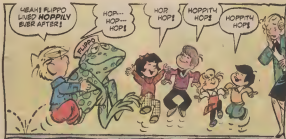


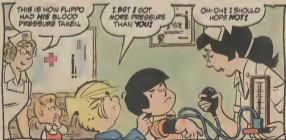
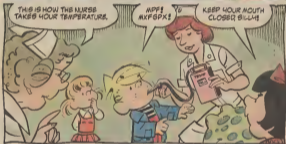
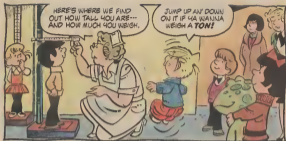
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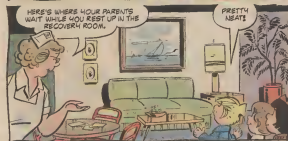
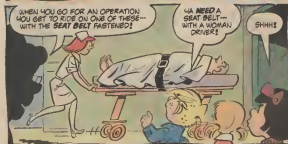
YOU DO? TELL US!

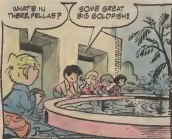
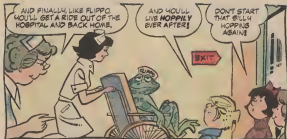


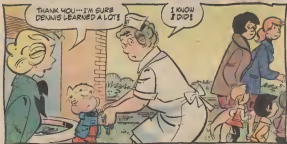
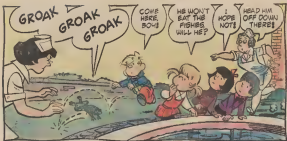










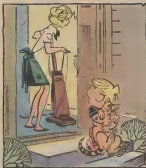




"CATS DON'T NEED A LICENSE....IF THEY WANT TO DO SOMETHING, THEY JUST DO IT."

CATS  
CAN'T DRIVE  
CARS--SO  
WHY DO  
THEY NEED  
A  
LICENSE?

ANOTHER  
GOOD  
THING  
ABOUT  
CATS THEY  
NEVER  
NEED  
HAIRCUTS  
LIKE DOGS!



"IF HE LOST AS MUCH HAIR AS YOU SAY HE DOES,  
HE'D BE BALD BY NOW!"



CATS  
CAN'T  
TALK  
ENGLISH  
SO GOOD  
LIKE ME  
AND YOU...

"AND WHEN HIS TAIL LOOKS LIKE A QUESTION  
MARK, IT MEANS 'WHEN DO WE EAT?'"

SO I  
GOTTA  
SEE  
THAT  
WE  
DON'T  
STARVE



"MAYBE IF YOU HEAR THIS PITIFUL WHEOW, YOU'LL  
GET UP AN' FIX BREAKFAST."

PEOPLE  
WITH  
BIRDS  
ARE  
STRICKLY  
FOR THE  
BIRDS!



"HOW COULD I KNOW THEY HAD  
SUCH A SCARY CANARY?"



"WELL, THAT'S ONE MORE  
RACE I CAN'T TAKE YA."



"WE DECIDED THIS WAS THE SAFEST WAY TO  
INTERDUCE HIM TO DEWEY'S CAT."

... AND  
SOME  
CATS ARE  
REALLY  
SCAREDY  
CATS!



the



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## INSIDE STORIES OF DENNIS



"DON'T HIS PURRIN' MACHINE EVER NEED OIL?"

A RETIRED REGISTERED NURSE IN GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, HAS WRITTEN US:

"I am very fond of cats, and my favorite cat died a year ago. Since that time, I have kept a scrap-book of Dennis the Menace and Hot Dog (his cat).

"I will be grateful if you will put more pictures of Hot Dog in the Dennis cartoons. How about once a week, or every two weeks? I truly enjoy all that appears in our daily newspaper about Dennis.

"When I think of my cat who passed away, and of Hot Dog, I think of the following poem that was given to me twenty years ago:-

### A CAT IS A CAT

A cat is a cat, whatever his breed,  
Whatever his birth or nation;  
The Siamese Tom whom our neighbors  
let roam  
is a cat, no matter his station.

He chases mice, and he yowls his love  
For a sassy, feminine elf;  
He doesn't care if she's gray or white,  
Or a Siamese like himself.

A cat is a cat, whatever his breed,  
Whatever his nation or birth:  
If a man were a man, no matter  
his clan,  
It might be a better Earth."

-M.A.K.



"I HOPE THEY GIVE HIM ALL HIS SHOTS AT ONCE... I DON'T THINK IT'S GONNA BE SO EASY TO GET HIM BACK HERE AGAIN."

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## HERE'S A DENNIS POEM—FROM IRELAND



"THERE'S SOMETHIN' I WANTED TO ASK YOU. WHAT WAS ALL THAT THUNDER AND LIGHTNING ABOUT LAST NIGHT?"

A friend in Ireland has written several poems about Dennis and we'd like to share this one with you.

### GOD LOVES YOU, LITTLE DENNIS

God loves you, Dennis Mitchell,  
And walks right by your side.  
He knows of all your troubles,  
Which you take in your stride.  
He keeps a constant vigil  
While you are at your play,  
He always watches over you,  
By night as well as day.

Although you may not know it,  
He'll always be your guide;  
So fear not, little Dennis,  
For He is by your side.  
Yes, God loves little children,  
And the innocent things they do—  
He once, a long long time ago  
Became a boy like you.



"I'D KINDA LIKE TO MAKE THIS PERSON-TO-PERSON... DO YA MIND?"

God loves you, little Dennis,  
So unto Him be true:  
In trouble or in sunshine,  
He'll always stand by you.  
For God is the Creator  
Of all things great and small,  
Your words and deeds are  
His concern;  
He watches over all.

So fear not, little Dennis:  
God understands your tears.  
He'll take you through this valley  
And be with you through the years.  
God loves you, little fellow,  
Wherever you may be.  
Next time you kneel and  
talk to Him—  
Put in a word for me.

—PATRICK MC GANN

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**MORE NEWS FROM IRELAND!**

Mr. Patrick Mc Cann, a lawyer of Dundalk, Ireland, a town 50 miles north of Dublin, is a great Dennis fan and collector, and also the president of a cultural group known as the Seven Arts Centre. Combining his two avocations, Mr. Mc Cann put together a slide show and lecture on the history of our Dennis newspaper feature and comic books. Here are the newspaper clippings he sent us about the show.

He's coming to town, and Seven Arts Centre has got Mrs. Dennis the Menace, and his dog, Ruff. They are both featured in the "Dennis the Menace Show" at the Queen's Hotel on Tuesday, October 18th at 8 p.m. An ideal family entertainment show, and which will be in aid of the mentally handicapped children in Drumcar.

## Dennis will aid handicapped

The beloved little rascal who appears in newspaper panels, comic strips and comic booklets will appear for the first time on screen when the Seven Arts Centre will present a lecture and film show on "Dennis the Menace" and his creator Hank Ketchum. The Show will include the very first panels in which Dennis appeared when launched upon the public in 1932. The stories in which he will appear, as part of the program are - Wall God, I Goofed Again; Hold That Tiger; The Halloween Mash; The Night Before Christmas; The Christmas Tree; and a western called Half Pint Hombre.

The show will commence

sharp at 8:00 p.m. and is brought by the kind permission of Hank Ketchum, who also makes a brief appearance as part of the film program.

Perhaps the highlight will be the screen appearance of the real Dennis, the boy on whom the lovable cartoon character is based. This should prove of great interest as the fact that Dennis had a real life counterpart is virtually unknown.

Having its premiere in Dundalk, the show is being given in aid of the mentally handicapped children in the Drumcar Institution, and is considered to be Seven Arts Centre's biggest venture since its inception in 1973.

## "DENNIS THE MENACE"

Seven Arts Centre will commence its new season with the "Dennis the Menace" Show on Tuesday, October 18th, at 8 p.m. in the Queen's Hotel.

The Show will include a short lecture on the famous cartoon figure and his creator Hank Ketchum, who is also known for his wonderful artistry on such films as "Pinocchio" and "Fantasia."

Dennis will appear on screen in some of the early newspaper panels and colour cartoon strips which began in 1932 and will also appear in a few short stories, including a western called "Half Pint Hombre."

The show is being given with the kind permission of Hank Ketchum, who will also make a brief screen appearance. A fact which is virtually unknown is that the cartoon character is based on a real life counterpart. It should prove of interest that the real "Dennis the Menace" will also be seen as part of the screen programme, as he was when the series first began.

The programme is the first of its kind in Ireland, and should prove ideal family entertainment. The proceeds are in aid of the mentally handicapped children in the John of God Home, Drumcar.

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DENNIS SHOW GETS FINE REVIEWS

## Dennis lends a helping hand

DENNIS THE MENACE—better known for his daily antics in the Irish Independent—proved to be a big help when it came to raising funds for the mentally handicapped of Co. Louth.

For hundreds of people turned out to see a special slide show and lecture featuring Dennis's adventures, dating from his inception in 1951 to the present day.

The show was arranged by the Seven Arts Centre Society in the Queen's Hotel, Dundalk, Co. Louth, and the proceeds went to the Drumcar Home for the mentally handicapped.

The program was prepared by the Centre's president, Mr. Patrick McCann, who said that it broke all records by becoming the society's "most artistic and financial success ever."

The Dennis the Menace stories are created by Hank Ketchum, also known for his part in making the films *Popeye* and *Fantasia*.

Mr. Ketchum gave his personal permission to the society to screen the Dennis slides.



### "DENNIS THE MENACE"

#### GREAT SUCCESS

Seven Arts Centre's lecture and slide film show on Hank Ketchum and his famous creation 'Dennis the Menace,' became the Centre's greatest success, breaking all former records when it took place at the Queen's Hotel.

A packed house of all age groups was most pleasing to see, as was the enthusiasm displayed by Dennis fans.

The familiar Ketchum newspaper panels and stories by Public Relations Officer Fred Toole were shown in conjunction with tape recorded music and an interesting narration by the Centre's President, Mr. P. McCann, who also arranged and produced the show.

Grateful thanks is acknowledged to Mr. Ketchum, who granted his kind permission for the show, and to Mr. Toole who supplied useful material.

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DENNIS SHOW IS FRONT PAGE NEWS.

## The Dundalk

# ARGUS

# DENNIS BROKE ALL THE RECORDS

It was certainly a welcome return of the once familiar family entertainment on Tuesday, October 18 at 8 p.m., when Seven Arts Centre presented their greatest success ever. Despite opposition from *Gone with the Wind* and local functions the Dennis the Menace Show broke all previous records the Centre enjoyed since its inception in 1973.

Hank Ketchum's career as a cartoonist was simply covered in the opening lec-

ture by the Centre's president, Mr. Patrick McCann which continued through out the film slide show and which included the early and present day newspaper panels and colour stories by public relations officer Fred Toole. The most enjoyable of the stories was the western "Half Pint Hombre" in which Dennis is seen in the Wild West for the first time. The musical tape recordings and the interesting narration to accompany them added

greatly to the effect.

Grateful thanks is acknowledged to Mr. Hank Ketchum for his kind permission in allowing the Centre to do the show and to Mr. Fred Toole for the useful material supplied. The artist's and story-writer's latest achievement is Dennis and the Bible kids in which Dennis becomes acquainted, in turn with God, Moses, David, Joseph and his brethren and other Biblical characters.

# NICE GOING!

LOOK WHAT I FOUND!  
MY OL' ROLLER  
SKATES!

OH, NO! NOT ON MY  
HARDWOOD FLOORS!

RRRRRRRR

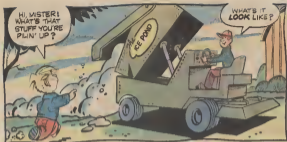
WHY DON'T YOU  
ROLLER-SKATE  
OUTDOORS?

'CAUSE IT'S  
RAININ'  
OUTDOORS!

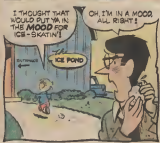
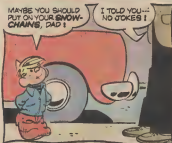
I KNOW! LET'S TAKE DENNIS  
ICE-SKATING!

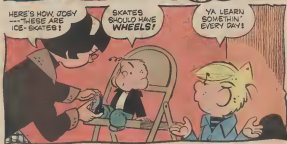
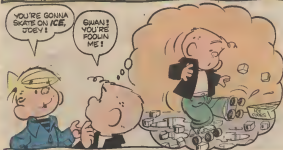
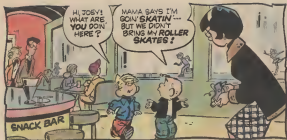
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AN' THAT'S RAIN OUT-  
SIDE, NOT SNOW!

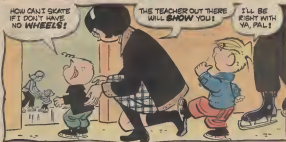
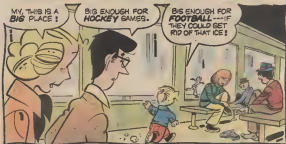
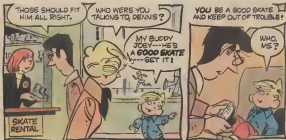


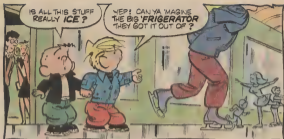


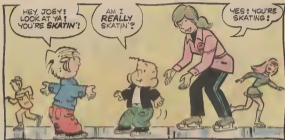




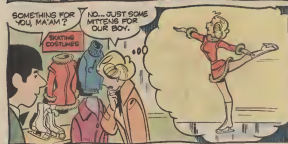
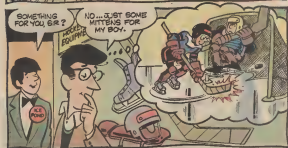
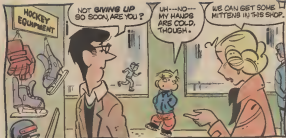


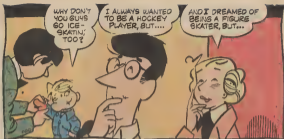












WHY DON'T YOU GUYS GO ICE-SKATING, TOO?

I ALWAYS WANTED TO BE A HOCKEY PLAYER, BUT....

AND I DREAMED OF BEING A FIGURE SKATER, BUT...



OH, NO!

YOU GUYS THINK YOU'RE DREAMIN' WELL---LOOK AT THIS!



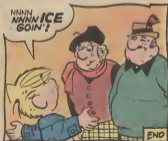
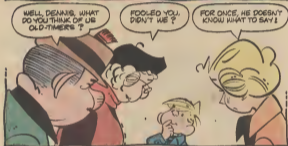
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!

WE ARE DREAMING!

NO! IT'S THE WILSONS SKATING BETTER THAN ANYBODY!









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